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Recruitment to higher offices in the Police Department.

277 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hye Sahib: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend to recruit direct a number of Deputy Superintendents of Police and Circle Inspectors?

A.—There is no proposal to alter the existing methods of recruitment.

Punitive Police, Koilkuntla and Siruvel.

278 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. Venkataranga Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been passed on the proposals submitted to Government for the imposition of punitive police in the Koilkuntla and Siruvel taluks of the Kurnool district; and

(b) if so, what orders have been issued?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have sanctioned the appointment of an Inspector and two Sub-Inspectors of Police to investigate the traffic in bombs which is a disquieting feature of the districts of Kurnool and Cuddapah. They have also instructed the District Magistrates to warn the inhabitants of the districts of their responsibilities in the way of co-operating with the Government in putting down such crime and to make it clear to them that the alternative may have to be the imposition of punitive police.

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"May I know, Sir, that in any orders that may be issued, the police officers also will be asked to be more careful hereafter and to see that offences are carefully detected?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"It is part of their statutory and normal duties."

Police sub-inspectorate.

279 Q.—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many candidates from the Kurnool district applied for selection last time for Police Sub-Inspector's training;

(b) whether timely intimation was given to candidates to appear before the board of selection; and

(c) if so, how many were selected?

A.—The Government have no information.

Public Works.

Retirement of certain Assistant Engineers.

280 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased

(i) to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that about a dozen Assistant Engineers (Provincial grade) have been ordered to take leave and to retire though they have neither attained fifty-five years of age nor completed thirty years of service;